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6. (Withdrawn) A method for manufacturing packagings of the Stickpack type and the like, characterized in that between the unwinding of a single- or multilayer film to provide a partial packaging and the sealing of said partial packaging by means of longitudinal and transverse seals in order to obtain a hermetically sealed packaging, it consists in providing transverse incisions on at least one of the longitudinal mutually opposite flaps of said film.

7. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 6, characterized in that said transverse incisions are provided after unwinding said film and before folding said unwound film onto a forming collar.

8. (Currently amended) A packaging of the ~~Stickpack~~ stickpac type with improved opening, comprising: a film made with at least one layer, which forms a hermetically longitudinally sealed tubular body having mutually opposite complementary flaps; a first sealing band for longitudinal sealing of said body; second sealing bands for sealing transversely said body; a sealed extension region protruding along a corresponding longitudinal edge of said tubular body from at least one of said second sealing bands; transverse preweakening slit incisions provided in longitudinal alignment with said sealed extension region along at least one of said mutually opposite longitudinal flaps; and wherein said first sealing band is of an inside/inside sealing type and wherein said first sealing band is folded and at least partially adheres longitudinally to an outer surface of said tubular body, and wherein an adhesive layer is further provided at said first sealing band for providing adhesion thereof at said outer surface of the body.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) The packaging of claim 9 8, wherein said adhesive layer is constituted by a thermolacquer.

11. (Currently amended) The packaging of claim 9 8, wherein said adhesive layer is constituted by a sealing film.

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12. (Currently amended) The packaging of claim 9 8, wherein said adhesive layer is distributed at at least one of said second transverse sealing bands having an adjacent heat-sealed extension region provided with a weakening pre-cut.

13. (Withdrawn) The method for manufacturing improved packagings of the Stickpack type and the like, wherein a single- or multilayer film (111) is unwound to manufacture a partial packaging (100a) and transverse incisions (130) are provided on said film on at least one of the mutually opposite flaps (115a, 115b) of said film (111), said method consisting in:

- sealing longitudinally said partial packaging (100a) by virtue of a first band (114) of sealing of said mutually opposite flaps (115a, 115b) of the inside/inside type;
- applying onto at least one portion of the outer surface (120) of said partial packaging (100a) a longitudinal adhesive layer (121) at and proximate to said first sealing band (114);
- folding, with respect to a longitudinal axis, said first sealing band (114) on the outer surface (200) of said partial packaging (100a) on the side of said adhesive layer (121);
- gluing said first sealing band (114) to said at least one outer surface portion (120) by activating said adhesive layer (121), transversely sealing said partial packaging (100a) with second sealing bands (116a, 116b), and providing a weakening pre-cut (119) on at least one sealed extension region (118) of at least one of said second sealing bands (116a, 116b).

14. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 13, characterized in that said operation for gluing said first sealing band (114) to said at least one outer surface portion (120) precedes said operation for transverse sealing of said partial packaging (100a).

15. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 13, characterized in that said operation for gluing said first sealing band (114) to said at least one outer surface

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portion (120) follows said operation for transverse sealing of said partial packaging (100a).

16. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 13, characterized in that said adhesive layer (121) is constituted by thermolacquer.

17. (Withdrawn) The method according to claims 13 and 14, characterized in that said activation of said adhesive layer (121) is achieved by heating said thermolacquer.

18. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 13, characterized in that said operation for applying said longitudinal adhesive layer (121) is selectively continuous or intermittent.

19. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 18, characterized in that said operation for intermittent application of said adhesive layer (121) affects said second sealing bands (116a, 116b).

20. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 13, characterized in that said longitudinal adhesive layer (121) is arranged not externally to the strip of surface that is affected by said first folded sealing band (114).

21. (New) A packaging of the stickpac type with improved opening, comprising a single- or multilayer flexible film that forms a hermetically sealed tubular body that is provided longitudinally with a first band of inside/outside sealing of mutually opposite longitudinal flaps of said film and is provided transversely with second sealing bands of the inside/inside type, a sealed extension region protruding from at least one of said second sealing bands on a respective portion of at least one edge of said tubular body, said packaging comprising, in longitudinal alignment with said sealed extension region, transverse preweakening slit incisions that are provided along at least one of said mutually opposite longitudinal flaps.

22. (New) The packaging according to claim 21, wherein said second sealing bands are each provided transversely on the longitudinal ends of said tubular body that form the bottom and the top of said packaging, a weakening pre-cut being provided on said sealed extension region related to the second sealing band that corresponds to

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said top, said transverse preweakening slit incisions being provided along both of said mutually opposite longitudinal flaps.

23. (New) The packaging according to claim 21, wherein said second sealing bands are each provided transversely on the longitudinal ends of said tubular body that form the bottom and the top of said packaging, a weakening pre-cut being provided on said sealed extension region related to the second sealing band that corresponds to said top, said transverse preweakening slit incisions being formed along just one of said longitudinal flaps of said film.

24. (New) The packaging according to claim 21, wherein said transverse preweakening slit incisions run longitudinally for a length that is at least equal to the longitudinal length of said sealed extension region.

25. (New) The packaging according to claim 21 wherein said transverse preweakening slit incisions are smaller than the width of said first sealing band.